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The Story Thus Far...

This is the tale of the Vampire King Duzell and his quest for revenge against the good King Phelos, a valiant warrior who slew the vampire a century ago. Now Duzell has returned, reincarnated as a feline foe to deliver woe to... Well, that's the problem. Who is the reincarnation of King Phelos?

Equally as important, where is King Phelos? For quite some time, Duzell and Princess Ishtar have been looking for him in the kingdom of Ci Xenoth. As of yet they haven't found Phelos, but they have found a homicidal lord who would stop at nothing to obtain the Phelosten throne for himself. They have found a dungeon full of monsters that have been kidnapped and mercilessly slaughtered to feed a dark obsession. They have found a young captain capable of unleashing some of the most destructive magic in Phelosta. They have found a powerful sorcerer pulling the strings behind the scenes. A sorcerer who has revealed himself to be none other than the Vampire Sharon, one of the most powerful vampires in Phelosta.

Yes, Duzell and Ishtar have learned much about Ci Xenoth. Unfortunately, they still haven't learned how to stay out of trouble. Particularly Ishtar. Otherwise, she never would have freed all the monsters in the dungeon, spurring a rebellion that's sure to cost lives (and the castle's supply of Jell-O). She never would have angered her uncle Jened, who wanted her dead even before she turned his castle into a psychotic petting zoo. And she surely wouldn't have convinced Duzell to court the powerful Captain Illside, who's already confused about where his loyalties lie. Ishtar's meddling has caught up to her, and the punishment is likely to be severe, especially now that her beloved bodyguard has shown up to save the day. Duzell has managed to keep Ishtar from harm so far, but with the demonic Sharon determined to prevent their escape, the cost of Ishtar's actions just may be his life.



吸血遊戲

東鎮篇

Act.14


"AS LONG
AS YOU'RE
HAPPY,
THAT'S
ALL THAT
MATTERS,
FALAN."

"I
DON'T
CARE
WHAT
I HAVE
TO DO..."


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UNCLE
JENED
SAID THAT
TO FALAN
ONCE...




"AS
LONG
AS
YOU'RE
HAPPY
CHILD..."



NEVER MIND
THAT SHE
COULDN'T
CARE LESS
ABOUT THE
THRONE, AND
CERTAINLY
DOESN'T WANT
ANYTHING TO
HAPPEN TO
MS.

...BASICALLY
CONFIRMING
THAT SHE'S THE
REASON HE'S
OBSESSED WITH
CONQUERING
RHELIOSTA.



"...OR WHO
I HAVE TO
KILL TO
MAKE THAT
HAPPEN."

吸血遊戯

シーザリス
東領篇

Act.14



...WHY
HE'S DOING
EVERYTHING
IN HIS POWER
TO CREATE A
DIVINE SWORD.
ONE THAT
COULD EVEN
RYVAL SIDIA,
THE HOLY
SWORD.



VAMPIRES CAN'T
USE RUELLES.
THAT'S WHAT
I'VE ALWAYS
BEEN TAUGHT.

SO WILL
SOMEONE PLEASE
EXPLAIN TO ME HOW
SHARLEN'S ABLE TO
WIELD THAT SWORD?
OR USE HOLY MAGIC!!
SOMETHING'S
DEFINITELY NOT
RIGHT HERE.

...BUT
FALAN
WOULD
BE
QUEEN.



BUT IF
I'M OUT OF THE
WAY, NOT ONLY
WOULD JENED
CONTROL
THE MOST
POWERFUL
RUELLES IN
THE WORLD...



BUT THAT
STILL
DOESN'T
EXPLAIN...



IT LOOKS LIKE YOU CAN HANDLE THIS. I HAVE UNFINISHED BUSINESS WITH THIS ONE. IF YOU'LL EXCUSE US...



DARRES?!



AT LEAST, NOT ONE THAT'S GOING TO DO HIM ANY GOOD IN A FIGHT.

DARRES! DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE...

HE CAN'T USE HOLY MAGIC, AND DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A RUELE.

SHARLEN CAN TELEPORT? THERE'S NO WAY DARRES CAN TAKE ON A VAMPIRE THAT POWERFUL!



LIKE THE FACT THAT I'M STANDING HERE THINKING OF THIS RATHER THAN GETTING MY ASS OUT OF HERE? WAS THAT'S DEFINITELY NOT RIGHT.

COME NOW, ISHTAR!

STARTING WITH A DEFENSIVE SPELL? CAN'T YOU DO BETTER THAN THAT?

WHY DON'T YOU SAVE US BOTH A LOT OF TROUBLE AND JUST GIVE UP?



I'M COUNTING ON YOU, SIDIA!



... en... en...

AND I
PROMISED
NOT TO
HURT HIM.

...FALAN
LOVES
HIM.

EVEN
THOUGH
HE'S A
MURDEROUS,
OBSESSIVE
BASTARD...

KEEP
GETTING
SLACKER.
YOU'VE
GOTTEN
SO FUZZY
YOU NEED
JENSEN'S
BLOOD!

BUT TRY NOT
TO KILL THE
LORD OF THE
SEA. HE, AT
LEAST, HAS
HIS USES...

TERMINATE
ISHTAR AND
THE LIKE
BEFORE THE
CREATURE
SPIRITS
THEM AWAY!

WELL,
YOU HAVE
WORK TO
DO HERE,
ILL SAIDE.

VAMPIRES...
THEY'RE SO
UNRELIABLE.

LORD OF
THE SEA?!

I KNOW
JUST THE
SPELL.



THOSE ARE
ISHTAR'S
LEGENDARY
CHARMS!
SHE'S
DUMBGLASS!



WHAT'S
WRONG,
DU?



OH, UM...
NOTHING!

IT'S
GOT
TO
END
HER!

MAYBE WHEN I
FIND JSEED, I
CAN JUST KNOCK
FALAN OUT AND
LET HER REST FOR
A BIT. THIS SHOULD
AT LEAST KEEP HER
OUT OF TROUBLE.



...BEFORE
YOUR
FATHER
FINDS
ISHTAR...

...AND
ISHTAR
FINDS
OUT YOU
HAVE HER
CHARMS.

WE'VE GOT
TO FIND
ISHTAR
AND YOUR
FATHER...

C'MON,
LET'S GO!



BUT FIRST,
YOU NEED TO
FIND A PLACE
TO STASH
THE BROAD!



FALAN...



TO
TLLSAIDE,
FALAN IS
THE MOST
IMPORTANT
THING IN
THE
WORLD.





LORD
OF
THE
SEA!

YOU'RE
THE OLD
MAN WE
MET BY
THE SIDE
OF THE
ROAD,
AREN'T
YOU?

AND THESE
MONSTERS?
THEY ARE
YOUR...
SUBJECTS?



Can...

ANYWAY
AND THE
TWO
REASONS
FOR THE
TWO REASONS.

THESE
MONSTERS
ARE THE
SUBJECTS
OF THE
SEA, ARE
THEY?



...AND
THE
REASON
OF THE
OIL.

...THESE
MONSTERS
ARE THE
SUBJECTS
OF THE
SEA, ARE
THEY?



FAGAN,
ISN'T JUST
IMPORTANT
TO ISHTAR
AND JENED.

SHE'S ALSO
IMPORTANT
TO ISHTAR.



MY
FATHER?
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

EXPLANATIONS
LATER
BEING NOW!





I'LL BE FINE. DON'T WORRY!

THE LIKES CAN GET YOU OUT OF HERE! SOMEPLACE FAR, WHERE MY UNCLE CAN'T FIND YOU. THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO STICK AROUND!

YOU TWO SHOULD GO!



I'M ISHTAR, OF THE HOUSE OF PHELIOS...



I DIDN'T.

...AND I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD APOLOGIZE. I WAS ALSO HIDING MY TRUE IDENTITY, AND I TREATED YOU WITH DISRESPECT.



NOT THAT ANY OF THAT MATTERS MUCH NOW.

AND AS A RESULT, A LOT OF HUMANS AND MONSTERS HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES. WAY TO GO, ISHTAR.

THE TRUTH IS, I REALLY SHOULD HAVE SPENT MORE TIME THINKING THIS THROUGH.







A
TOUCHING
SPEECH,
OLD MAN...



Hah,
hah,
hah...



...BUT THIS
BOY HERE IS
PART OF MY
FAMILY, AS
WELL.

YOU DIDN'T
KNOW THAT,
DID YOU?



NO...



ILL SAIDS
IS PART
MONSTER.



ILLSAIDE
IS JENED'S
SON?

THAT
MEANS
FALAN AND
ILLSAIDE
ARE...
OH, THAT'S
JUST
SICK.



YOUR
DAUGHTER
MAY BE HIS
MOTHER...

...BUT
I AM
ILLSAIDE'S
FATHER.



.....

...IN
EXCHANGE
FOR
LEVELING
MERARIM.
CAN YOU
IMAGINE
TRYING
TO KEEP A
STRAIGHT
FACE
WHEN...

LET ME
TELL YOU,
IT'S NOT
EASY.

...YOUR SON
ASKS TO
MARRY HIS
HALF-SISTER?



IL-SAIDE
AND MY
DAUGHTER
FALAN...
ARE IN
LOVE!

~~~~~  
BUT, WAIT—  
IT GETS  
BETTER.

I ALMOST  
DIED  
WHEN  
IL-SAIDE  
ASKED ME  
FOR HER  
HAND...







FATHER!  
NO!



CAPTURING  
YOU,  
CREATING  
A RUSBLE  
POWERFUL  
ENOUGH TO  
TAME ANY  
MONSTER...

...KILLING  
ISHYAR TO  
PUT FALAN  
ON THE  
THRONE OF  
PHELIOSTA...

IT'S ALL  
DONE IN  
FALAN'S  
NAME!



NOW  
DO YOU  
GET IT?



...FOR THE  
SAKE OF  
HIS ILICIT  
LOVE.

HE  
FOLLOWS  
MY  
ORDERS...





吸血遊戲

東蘭篇

Act.15

I NEED  
YOU TO  
PROMISE  
THAT EVEN  
IF...

...MY FATHER  
DID SOMETHING  
ABSOLUTELY  
HORRIBLE TO  
YOU...

...YOU  
WOULDN'T  
KILL HIM.

I W-WANT  
YOU TO KILL  
MY FATHER!









THAT SAID,  
I'M NOT  
GOING  
TO  
PRETEND  
I DIDN'T  
ENJOY  
THAT.

WHO KNEW?

KICKING  
THE CRAP  
OUT OF  
JENED  
FEELS  
GREAT!



PLEASE  
FORGIVE  
ME.

AND IT SEEMS  
TO HAVE  
BROUGHT  
FALAN AND I  
CLOSER THAN  
EVER BEFORE.



STOP IT,  
YOU IDIOT!  
FALAN  
DIDN'T  
REALLY  
MEAN  
THAT!

ILL SAIDE!

I KNOW  
SHE'S RIGHT.  
FALAN  
LOVES HER  
FATHER.





OH,  
FALAN...



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...ALL THE  
TERRIBLE  
THINGS I  
DID, I DID  
THEM ALL  
FOR YOU!



I'LL  
SAID  
...



I ONLY  
WANTED  
YOU TO  
BE HAPPY,  
FALAN.

ALL  
THE...



I AM SO  
SCREWED...



THIS  
GUY'S GONNA  
WIPE  
HIS ASS  
WITH  
ME.

WITHOUT HOLY  
MAGIC OR THE  
MOTHER OF ALL  
RUELLE'S, I  
DON'T STAND A  
CHANCE. MAN, IF  
YUJINN COULD  
SEE ME NOW.



ALL RIGHT, YOU  
COCKY BASTARD.  
I'LL ADMIT IT. I  
SHOULD HAVE PAID  
ATTENTION WHEN  
YOU WERE TELLING  
ME ABOUT ALL  
THIS STUFF.



I DON'T HAVE  
TIME FOR THIS.  
ISHTAR'S  
ALONE IN  
THERE, AND  
THAT'S NEVER  
A GOOD THING.



SHOULDN'T  
BE TOO HARD.  
COULDN'T  
BE MORE  
THAN TWO OR  
THREE DOZEN  
OF THEM.



HELL, I  
ALMOST  
FEEL  
SORRY  
FOR HER  
UNCLE.

AND THOSE  
MONSTERS  
YOU HAVE TO  
DO SOMETHING  
ABOUT THESE  
MONSTERS.





AND WHEN  
HE STARTED  
PEECING  
OVER FALAN...  
I SHOULD  
I HAVE  
HUNG HIS  
DAMN  
HEAD  
ON MY  
WALLS!



BOUGH-

AFTER ALL  
I'VE DONE  
FOR HIM!

I KNEW HE HAD  
GOTTEN TOO  
DANGEROUS! I  
SHOULD HAVE  
RID MYSELF  
OF HIM AFTER  
MERARIM!



WAIT A  
DARN MINUTE--  
THAT SWORD'S  
A RUELLE!

OF COURSE  
IT IS BETTER  
TO GET ON  
THE OTHER  
END OF IT...



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HOW  
COULD HE  
TURN ON  
ME LIKE  
THAT?!



TREASON!  
MY OWN  
SON A  
TRAITOR!

TRAITOR!

TRAITOR!!







I, uh...  
I DON'T  
THINK WE  
NEED TO  
BOTHER  
THEM WITH  
ALL THAT.



NO!

I'M NOT GOING  
TO DROP IT!  
ILLSAIDE CAN'T  
GO AROUND  
HURTING PEOPLE  
AND JUSTIFYING  
IT BY SAYING  
HE'S DOING IT  
FOR FALANI! SHE'S  
SWEET AND ALL,  
BUT SHE'S NOT  
THE CENTER OF  
THE UNIVERSE.



HEH, HSH... IT'S  
NOTHING!  
WATER  
UNDER THE  
BRIDGE.



WHAT DO YOU  
SAY TO THAT,  
ILLSAIDE?!  
THANKS TO YOU,  
MY SISTER  
HAD HIS HEART  
BROKEN! UH,  
HER HEART  
BROKEN, I  
MEAN.



I SAID  
LET IT GO,  
ALREADY!!



ILLSAIDE...

...I'M  
SYMPATHETIC  
TO ANYONE  
WHO'S HAD TO  
LIVE WITH MY  
UNCLE, BUT  
THAT DOESN'T  
EXCUSE WHAT  
YOU'VE DONE.

AND...

...I'LL NEVER  
FORGIVE YOU  
FOR TRICKING  
DU!

IF YOU EVER  
THINK THAT  
HE--I MEAN,  
HIS--MIGHT HAVE  
FEELINGS FOR ME  
HON'T SAY!  
AND HIS COAT'S  
GOTTEN ALL DULL  
AND MOLDY...

ISH TAR!







...THERE ARE  
OTHER PEOPLE  
OUT THERE  
WHO CARE  
ABOUT YOU.

WHILE  
SOME ARE  
ANOTHER  
KIND OF  
BEAST  
ENTIRELY

...THERE ARE  
OTHER PEOPLE  
OUT THERE  
WHO CARE  
ABOUT YOU.

...THERE ARE  
OTHER PEOPLE  
OUT THERE  
WHO CARE  
ABOUT YOU.

...THERE ARE  
OTHER PEOPLE  
OUT THERE  
WHO CARE  
ABOUT YOU.

...THERE ARE  
OTHER PEOPLE  
OUT THERE  
WHO CARE  
ABOUT YOU.



...THERE ARE  
OTHER PEOPLE  
OUT THERE  
WHO CARE  
ABOUT YOU.

FALAN'S  
JUST THE  
START.

AND MY  
GUESS IS  
THAT ONLY  
A FEW OF  
THEM ARE  
CROSS-  
DRESSING  
KITTENS.





JENED!!





SORRY, BUT  
BETWEEN THE  
SUPERNATURAL  
SPEED AND  
IMMORTALITY,  
I THOUGHT THE  
ODDS WERE  
SLIGHTLY  
STACKED IN  
YOUR FAVOR.

NOW, LET'S  
FINISH THIS...



CRAY, EVIL,  
SCHEMING  
UNCLES IS  
DEAD, AND  
EVERYONE'S  
UPSET.  
I'M ABOUT  
TO DIE AND  
NO ONE EVEN  
SEEMS TO NOTICE!  
FINE! IF THAT'S  
HOW IT'S  
GONNA BE...

!?







BUT NOW  
THAT  
JENED'S  
DEAD...

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I AM THE LORD  
OF THE SEA,  
KING  
OF THE  
YOG-THUNDER  
AND THE LAR  
TO RULE THE  
OCEAN OF  
NORRATH!



AND NOW,  
FROM THE  
ONE PLACED  
BEHIND  
YOUR BACKS  
ARE COMING  
THE DREAM  
IN REVER!

HA

AS IF I'D LET  
A WEAPON AS  
POWERFUL AS  
ILL SAID FALL  
INTO THE HANDS  
OF THE HUMANS...  
OR THE CLAWS OF  
THESE MONSTERS!

I AM THE  
COMPASS IN  
THE DUSKY  
SEAS OF THE  
WORLD...

THOSE  
WHO WERE  
IMPRISONED  
IN THE  
CASTLE...

...WERE NOT  
FREE BY A  
GRACE, BUT  
WILL THE  
MISTAKES OF  
YOUR FLIGHT!

THE ONLY  
ONE, THE  
ONE OF MY  
BLOOD...

...IS THE  
SON OF  
YOUR  
BLOOD OF  
PAINFUL...

THE TWO  
WOMEN  
WILL BE  
IN...

...REMEMBER  
THEY WERE  
CAUGHT AND  
TOO MANY  
ADVENTURES  
IN THE WORLD...



FOR THE  
SACRED, I AM  
AFRAID

MY LORD,  
AS YOUR  
TRUSTED  
LIEUTENANT,  
IT IS MY DUTY  
TO PROTECT  
YOU





HE DIED AT  
THE HANDS  
OF YOUR  
LIEUTENANT...



NO!

OH,  
GOD!



...WHILE  
ORDERING  
YOUR DEATH,  
THE ORDER  
WAS NEVER  
COMPLETELY  
GIVEN, SIR...

...AND  
THEREFORE,  
CANNOT BE  
CARRIED  
OUT.



FATHER!





...AND HIS  
NAME WILL  
BE ENTERED  
IN THE  
BOOK OF  
MARTYRS.

LIEUTENANT  
GORDEN  
WILL  
RECEIVE  
A PROPER  
MILITARY  
BURIAL. HIS  
WIFE AND  
CHILDREN  
WILL BE  
PROVIDED  
FOR...



WILL...  
ILL SAID?



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FIRST  
OFF, THERE'S  
THE MERARIM  
WAR...  
...AND  
THE TRUTH  
ABOUT  
RUELES...



ANYWAYS,  
DUZIE...

...I'M SURE  
IN ALL THE  
EXCITEMENT  
YOU GOT  
SOME OF  
MY UNCLE'S  
BLOOD.

SO...  
WAS HE  
PHELIOS?



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みる

SO, LET'S  
SEE NOW...  
THAT MEANS  
THAT YOU'VE  
TRIED ALL THE  
DESCENDENTS  
IN CI XENETH

FALAN,  
UNCLE  
JENED...

IT  
WOULD  
STINK NOT  
BEING ABLE  
TO KILL  
PHELIOS  
BECAUSE  
HE'S  
ALREADY  
DEAD.

NO? WELL,  
THAT'S A  
RELIEF.

...AND THE  
FUTURE  
OF CI  
XENETH...  
...AND THE  
MONSTERS...



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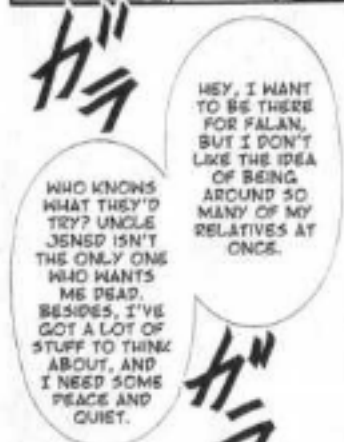


AUNT RAMIA  
ORDERED  
HIM TO BE LA  
NAAN'S  
OFFICIAL  
REPRESENTATIVE  
AT UNCLE  
JENED'S  
FUNERAL...



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NOT THAT  
I'LL MISS  
HIM, BUT  
WHY'D  
WE LEAVE  
WORD IN  
CI XENETH?



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HEY, I WANT  
TO BE THERE  
FOR FALAN,  
BUT I DON'T  
LIKE THE IDEA  
OF BEING  
AROUND SO  
MANY OF MY  
RELATIVES AT  
ONCE.

WHO KNOWS  
WHAT THEY'D  
TRY? UNCLE  
JENED ISN'T  
THE ONLY ONE  
WHO WANTS  
ME DEAD.  
BESIDES, I'VE  
GOT A LOT OF  
STUFF TO THINK  
ABOUT, AND  
I NEED SOME  
PEACE AND  
QUIET.

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CLASSY.

...AND SINCE HE  
WAS ALREADY  
REPRESENTING  
LA NAAN, I  
ASKED IF  
HE'D MIND  
REPRESENTING  
US AS WELL.



LADY  
ISHTAR!  
LOOK UP  
THERE!



SORRY!



DON'T  
TELL ME  
THIS IS  
YOUR NEW  
WAY OF  
SPANKING  
ME!



OH!



YOU  
MEAN  
ILL-SERVE?



HE DOESN'T  
SEEM TOO  
CONCERNED...



YEAH,  
NEXT  
TIME...

WELL,  
UH...  
WE'LL GET  
HIM NEXT  
TIME,  
RIGHT?



SIR  
DARRRES!



...WHY WE  
TELEPORTED  
HERE.

I WONDER...



OH,  
THAT'S  
RIGHT!



FALAN!



THIS IS  
WHERE I  
ENDED UP  
WHEN I  
USED THE  
LEKE!

OH, WAIT A  
MINUTE...



THIS  
PLACE  
LOOKS  
FAMILIAR.





Vampire Game: Side Story

# HEART



THIS IS  
WHERE  
FALAN AND  
I USED TO  
PLAY!

FALAN!

TAKE CARE  
OF CI  
XENETH!  
AND  
ILLSAIDE,  
TAKE CARE  
OF FALAN!  
WE'LL SEE  
YOU SOON!

東領篇  
FIN



YOU'RE  
TELLING ME  
THEY CAN'T  
GET MARRIED?!  
WHY? BECAUSE  
THEY'RE  
BROTHER AND  
SISTER?! THAT'S  
RIDICULOUS!



Pheliosta  
Castle,  
shortly after  
Ishtar and  
company  
returned  
from Cl  
Xeneth...



IN MY LAST LIFE,  
EVERYTHING WAS  
JUST SO DREARY.  
THE THOUGHT THAT  
I MIGHT DIE FROM  
SHEER BOREDOM  
HAD OCCURRED  
TO ME...



LOOK, ISHTAR, THERE ISN'T A PRECEDENT FOR IT. THE ROYAL FAMILY JUST CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE THAT KIND OF A RISK! WHAT IF THEY COULDN'T PRODUCE A VIABLE HEIR TO THE THRONE?

THE PEOPLE WOULD NEVER STAND FOR IT. END OF DISCUSSION.



DARRE, YOU SMART BOY! I COULD KISS YOU!



YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS! THEY'RE BOTH MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF PHILLOSTA! THEY MAKE THE LAWS!

AND BESIDES, THE LAW FORBIDS IT!

PRINCESS ISHTAR! LISTEN TO YOURSELF. A BROTHER AND SISTER CANNOT GET MARRIED. IT'S JUST WRONG! AND IT GIVES ME A SERIOUS CASE OF THE WILLIS.



I JUST DON'T SEE WHY---

ALL OF US ROYALS ARE SO INBRED WE'RE PRETTY MUCH HALF-SIBLINGS ANYWAY, SO WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?!



WELL YOU TWO CALM DOWN! DO YOU WANT ILL-SAIDS AND FALAN TO HEAR YOU? THAT'S WHAT IT SEEMS LIKE, CONSIDERING HOW LOUD YOU'RE BOTH BEING.





GRRR!

A  
GENERAL?

AND A  
QUEEN?

SO...IF, SAY,  
A GENERAL  
HAD SOME  
HIGH-RANKING  
SPONSORSHIP,  
HE COULD  
MARRY A  
QUEEN,  
RIGHT?

I THINK  
I'M ONTO  
SOMETHING  
HERE...



.....  
IS?

...I CAN  
MARRY  
SOMEONE  
OUTSIDE THE  
PHELIOSTA  
ROYAL  
FAMILY!

BUT  
THAT JUST  
MEANS IF I  
CONVINCE  
THE PEOPLE,  
AND MAYBE  
BAN SOME  
PRODUCE...



ISHTAR!

...BUT IT  
WOULD REALLY  
DEPEND ON HIS  
POSITION AND  
SPONSORSHIP.

YES, I  
SUPPOSE



IT WOULDN'T  
MATTER THAT  
MUCH IF YOU  
DIDN'T HAVE  
ANY KIDS.

DIDN'T I HAVE  
ANYTHING  
BETTER TO DO?

ISHTAR,  
I CAN'T.



BUT WE CAN'T  
PRETEND FOR THE  
REST OF OUR LIVES.  
WE COULD NEVER  
HIDE SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT.  
IT WOULD COME  
OUT, SOONER  
OR LATER.

BUT  
AT THE  
SAME  
TIME...



SURE  
I DO.  
MORE  
THAN  
EVER.



WHAT'S  
WRONG,  
FALAN?

YOU  
STILL LOVE  
IL-SAIDS,  
DON'T YOU?



BUT  
LOOKING AT  
WHERE I'VE  
ENDED UP,  
I HAVE TO  
ASK...

I USED  
TO SIT  
BROODING  
THROUGH  
THE NIGHT.

PONDERING  
MY NEXT  
LIFE...



...WHY  
DID I  
BOTHER?



THIS IS  
LIFE WE'RE  
TALKING  
ABOUT HERE.  
AFTER ALL,  
THERE ARE  
NO SECOND  
CHANCES.

MAKE  
SURE THIS  
IS TRULY  
WHAT YOUR  
HEART'S  
TELLING  
YOU TO  
DO.



AND IF IT  
IS, KNOW  
THAT  
YOU'LL  
ALWAYS  
HAVE MY  
SUPPORT.



FALAN...  
ARE YOU  
SURE?  
IS THIS  
REALLY  
WHAT YOU  
WANT?



NOW I JUST  
NEED TO  
CONVINCE MY  
PEOPLE THAT  
ILL-SAIDS...

...IS THE  
LEGITIMATE  
HEIR TO THE  
THRONS OF  
CI XENETH.



I'LL ALWAYS  
REMEMBER  
THOSE DAYS.  
THEY'LL  
ALWAYS  
HAVE A  
SPECIAL  
PLACE IN  
MY HEART

...AND IN  
ILL-SAIDS'S  
TOO.



...WE ALSO  
CAN'T HIDE  
OUR LOVE  
FOR EACH  
OTHER.  
SO WE  
DECIDED  
THAT THE  
BEST THING...

...WOULD  
BE TO GO  
THROUGH  
LIFE AS  
BROTHER  
AND  
SISTER.



CONSIDERING  
HE'S HALF  
MONSTER,  
IT'S GONNA  
BE A TOUGH  
SELL.



I'LL TELL  
YOU WHAT I  
THINK. I'M  
THINKING  
MY KITTY  
MIGHT'VE  
LUCKED  
OUT!



ENOUGH!  
YOU KNOW,  
ISHTAR,  
YOU  
REALLY  
NEED TO  
LEARN TO  
MIND YOUR  
OWN  
BUSINESS!

YOU'RE  
MEDDLING  
IN THE  
LIVES OF  
OTHERS.

WE  
AREN'T  
YOUR  
ROLLS,  
YOU  
KNOW!



ILL SAIDE  
IS STILL  
SINGLE! AND  
HE'S GONNA  
BE KING OF CI  
XENETH! NOT  
A BAD CATCH,  
PROVIDED YOU  
DON'T MIND  
BECOMING  
THE VAMPIRE  
QUEEN  
DUZELL.



THANKS,  
ISH! I KNEW  
I COULD  
COUNT ON  
YOU...



WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK,  
DUZIE?





HEH... LIKE I'M  
ONE TO TALK.  
THERE WAS A  
TIME WHEN I  
VIEWED THE  
ENTIRE WORLD  
AS MY  
CHESSBOARD.





...AND  
ABOUT  
HALF A  
YEAR  
SINCE MY  
RESUR-  
RECTION.

IT'S BEEN  
A FEW  
MONTHS  
SINCE WE  
RETURNED  
FROM  
CI XENETH...



THE  
PASSING  
OF TIME  
IS FINALLY  
BEGINNING  
TO RESTORE  
MY FORMER  
STRENGTH.

THE TIME  
NEARS  
WHEN I  
SHALL  
HAVE MY  
REVENGE  
ON THE  
CURSED  
PHEDIOS.



PROVIDED  
I CAN FIND  
THE LITTLE  
SHIT, OF  
COURSE...

吸血遊戯  
南領篇  
Act.1



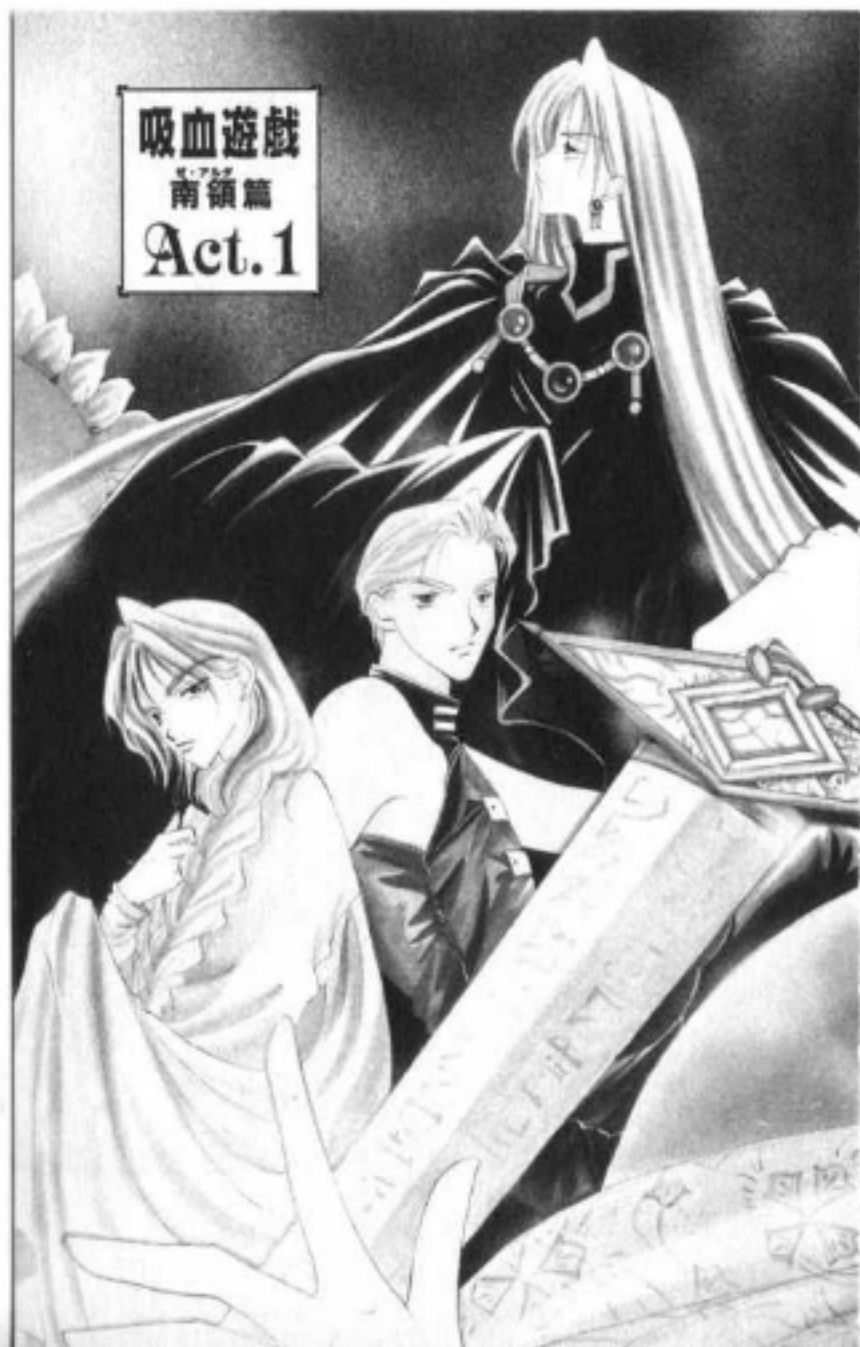
EVERY  
PERSON  
WAS JUST  
A PAWN  
FOR ME  
TO PLAY  
WITH...  
OR FEED  
FROM.



AND I'LL  
TELL YOU...  
THAT'S ONE  
TOUGH  
HABIT TO  
BREAK.

FIN

吸血遊戲  
南領篇  
Act.1





LADY ISHTAR!

WHERE IS SHE?



LADY ISHTAR!!



COULD SHE  
BE PHALIOS'  
REINCARNATION?



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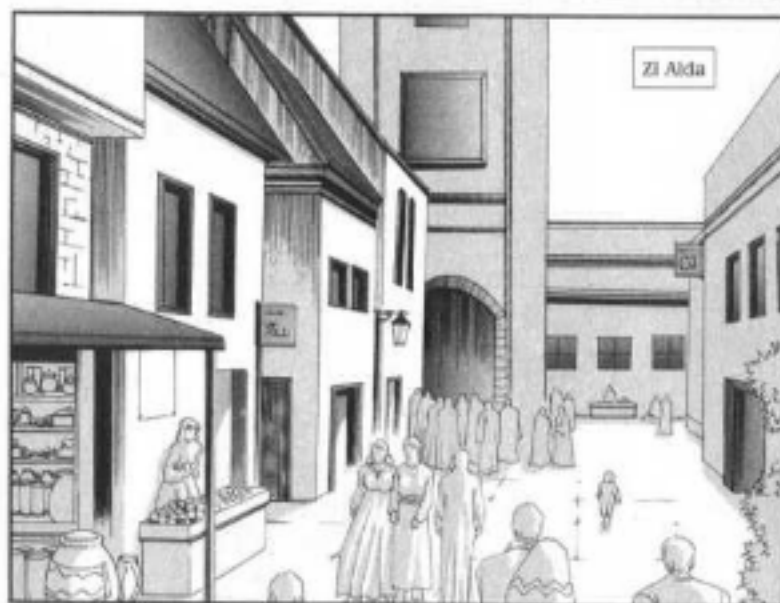
ALL I  
REALLY  
KNOW  
ABOUT  
PHALIOS'  
NEXT  
COMING...

...IS  
THAT HIS  
SPIRIT WILL BE  
REBORN  
IN THE BODY  
OF ONE  
OF HIS  
DESCENDANTS.

AND WHEN  
I LOOK IN  
HER EYES,  
I SEE  
PHALIOS...

WHEN I  
TRIED HER  
BLOOD,  
IT WAS SO  
NEW TO THIS  
WORLD.  
COULD I  
HAVE MADE  
A MISTAKE?





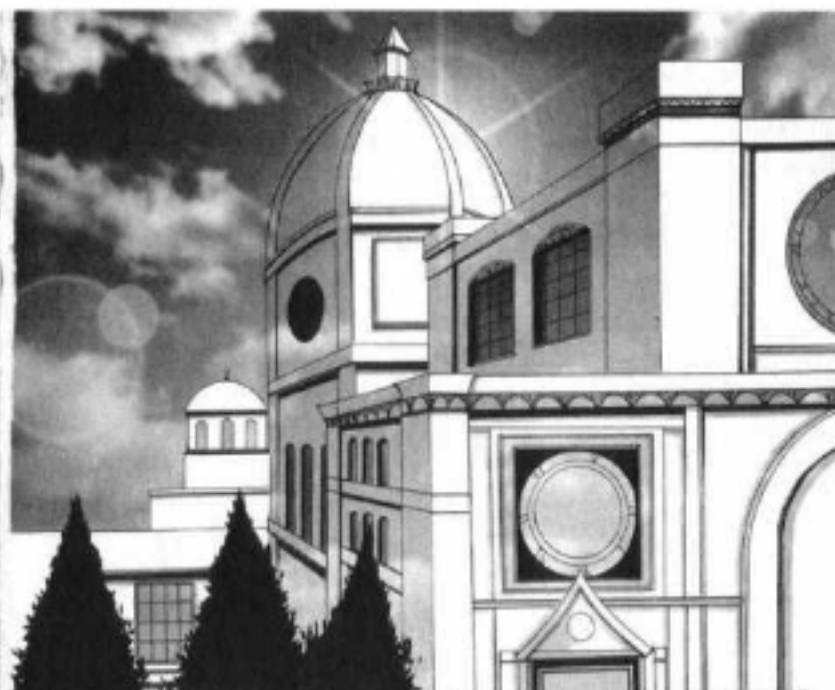


OR EVEN  
THAT I HAD  
A COLD,  
FOR THAT  
MATTER...

MAYBE  
SIR WELD JUST  
MISUNDERSTOOD.  
HE DOES WORRY  
SO. I'M SURE  
HE'S JUST  
BEING OVERLY  
PROTECTIVE.

I'M NOT  
GETTING  
ANY  
YOUNGER,  
AND I'M  
STARTING  
TO FEEL  
THE  
PASSING  
OF TIME.

I WROTE HIM  
RECENTLY  
AND MADE  
MENTION OF  
THAT... BUT I  
CERTAINLY  
DIDN'T SAY I  
WAS DYING.



WELL, I DID  
HAVE A BIT  
OF A COUGH.  
NOT MUCH  
OF A COUGH,  
THOUGH,  
REALLY...



AND OCCASIONALLY HE GETS TOTALLY CONFUSED AND STARTS THINKING HE'S A WET NURSE NAMED JUANITA!

PRINCESS ISHTAR!!

OH, YES. IT'S TERRIBLE!

FIVE MINUTES AFTER WE'RE DONE EATING, HE'LL ASK THE MAIDS WHERE HIS DINNER IS. HE'S ALWAYS GETTING LOST IN THE CASTLE.

OF COURSE, DEAR! NOTHING WOULD MAKE ME HAPPIER!

WHY DON'T WE TURN THIS MISUNDERSTANDING INTO A CHANCE TO CATCH UP?!

WELL, AT ANY RATE, IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE WE'VE SEEN YOU.

WHEW!

I'VE BEEN HAD!

KELD! THAT SENILE OLD FART TRICKED ME!

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE HASN'T GIVEN UP! OR THAT HE WENT THIS FAR...

WELL, I GUESS IT'S ALL RIGHT TO TELL YOU... HE'S GOING SENILE!

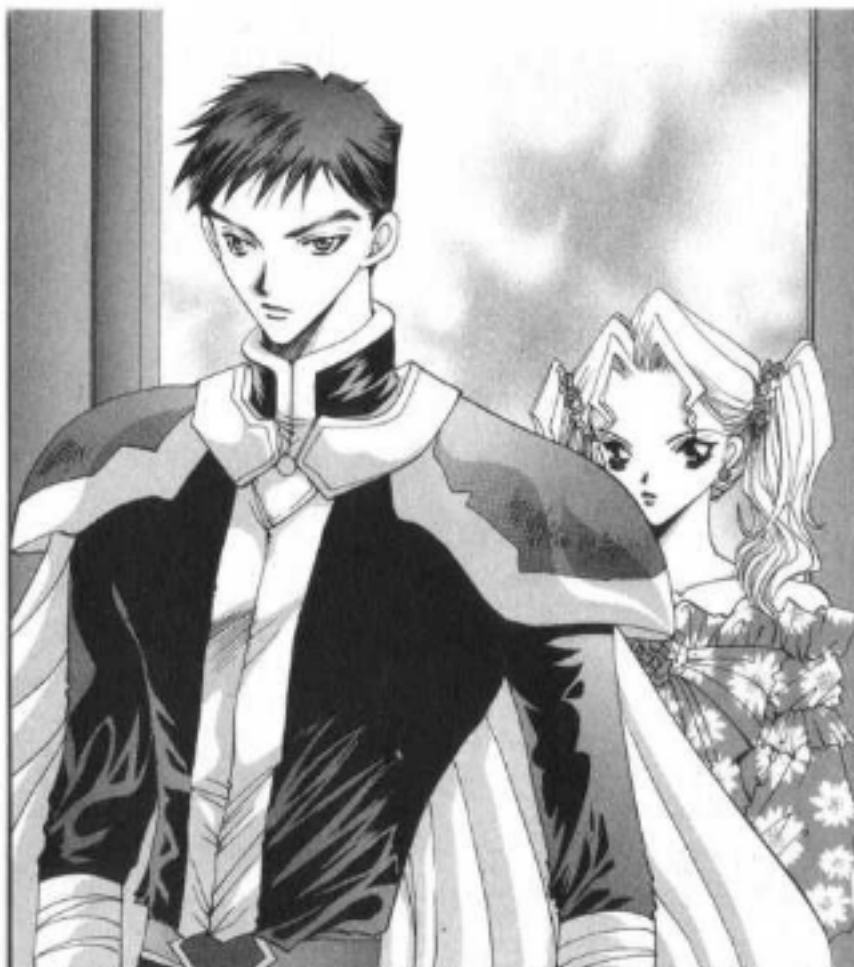
I'M SORRY, AUNT SONIA, IT'S JUST THAT KELD'S BEEN--

LADY ISHTAR? IS SOMETHING WRONG?

OH, MY!

SIR KELD'S GOING SENILE?

HE PROBABLY GOT YOU MIXED UP WITH SOMEONE ELSE!



OH,  
SPLENDID!  
YOU'RE  
HERE!



.....  
!!



OH, YOU  
MEAN  
YUJEL?

BY THE  
WAY, AUNT  
SONIA...  
...WHERE'S  
THAT PIG OF  
A SON OF  
YOURS?



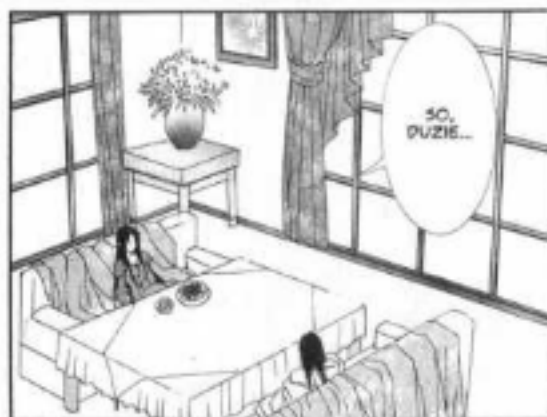
PRINCESS  
ISHITAR!!  
REMEMBER  
YOUR  
MANNERS!



YOU  
SUMMONED  
ME, MILADY?







SO,  
DUZIE...



...ARE AUNT  
SONIA  
AND THAT  
DISGUSTING  
BOY OF MERS,  
YUJUEL.

...MY ONLY  
REAL  
BLOOD  
RELATIONS  
HERE...



YOU'RE  
PROBABLY  
RIGHT ABOUT  
AUNT  
SONIA...

WAIT A  
SECOND,  
DUZIE!



ANYHOW,  
NEITHER OF  
THESE WINNERS  
SOUND LIKE  
THEY COULD BE  
PHILIDS. WHY  
DON'T WE JUST  
GET OUT OF  
HERE?



YOU KNOW,  
I REALLY  
THINK YOU  
BOYLS SHOULD  
AT LEAST TRY  
MARRYING  
OUTSIDE THE  
FAMILY EVERY  
NOW AND AGAIN.  
WHO KNOWS?  
YOU MIGHT  
LIKE IT.

A FEAR-  
OLD  
WOMAN  
AND HER  
SLOB OF A  
SON...



HE'S A  
GENERAL?  
HE'S SO  
YOUNG...



AND THIS  
IS HIS  
LOVELY  
WIFE,  
LEENE.

THIS IS  
ASHLEY,  
GENERAL OF  
THE ZI ALDA  
ARMY AND  
MINISTER  
OF MILITARY  
STRATEGY.



CMAY,  
THAT'S  
JUST  
NASTY.

IT'S NOT JUST  
YUJSEL. SEE,  
WHEN I WAS A  
LITTLE GIRL, I  
USED TO THINK  
ABOUT WELD...

...THE WAY  
I THINK  
ABOUT  
DARRES.

AND NOW HE'S  
UP TO HIS  
OLD TRICKS  
AGAIN. I CAN'T  
BELIEVE THIS.  
YOU KNOW, I  
REALLY HATE  
HIM TOO.



WELL...

...HE'S  
YOUR  
COUSIN  
AND HE  
PROBABLY  
HAS A  
HIGH  
LAUREY  
BELL. WHAT  
MORE  
DO YOU  
NEED TO  
KNOW?

THE TRUTH  
IS THAT I  
REALLY  
DON'T  
KNOW  
MUCH  
ABOUT  
HIM.



HE'S  
ALWAYS  
BEEN OUT  
OF TOWN  
EVERY  
TIME I'VE  
STOPPED  
BY.

...BUT I  
HAVEN'T  
SEEN THAT  
PIG COUSIN  
OF MINE,  
YUJSEL,  
SINCE I WAS  
A LITTLE  
GIRL.



YOU  
KNOW,  
DARRES  
IS  
RIGHT...

I'VE JUST  
NEVER LIKED  
HIM, AND  
THAT'S MY  
WAY OF  
EXPRESSING  
IT. A BIT TOO  
HARSH, YOU  
THINK?

OH, HE'S NOT  
A LITERAL  
SLOB.



WELL....



HOW CAN  
YOU HATE  
SOMEONE  
YOU KNOW  
NOTHING  
ABOUT?

...ONE OF  
THESE  
DAYS, THAT  
TONGUE  
OF YOURS  
IS REALLY  
GOING TO  
GET YOU IN  
TROUBLE.



EVEN  
AFTER  
ALL  
THESE  
YEARS...



...WHAT'S  
THE DEAL  
WITH THIS  
YUUGEL  
GUY? IS  
HE AS  
STUPID  
AS LADY  
ISHTAR  
SAYS HE  
IS?

SO  
CAPTAIN...



THAT'S AN  
AWFULLY  
LONG TIME  
TO CARRY  
A GRUDGE.  
EVEN FOR  
SOMEONE AS  
SHALLOW AS  
ISHTAR.

...SHE  
WAS  
ONLY  
SIX  
YEARS  
OLD.

I STILL  
DON'T  
UNDERSTAND  
HER. THE  
LAST TIME  
PRINCESS  
ISHTAR  
MET LORD  
YUUGEL...



OR IS  
THERE  
SOMETHING  
ELSE GOING  
ON?

SIX  
YEARS  
OLD?



I HAD  
TAKEN MY  
EYES OFF  
OF HER  
FOR A FEW  
MOMENTS...

...SO I  
DIDN'T  
ACTUALLY  
SEE WHAT  
HAPPENED.



MAN, I  
ALMOST  
DIED WHEN  
SAYD THAT  
TO LADY  
SONIA!



IF THAT  
HAD BEEN  
LADY RAMIA,  
HE'D BE  
PICKING  
GRAVEL  
OUT OF  
OUR  
TEETH.

Considering the  
fact I think you're  
probably should  
be grateful!

YEAH, WE'RE  
LUCKY THAT  
LADY SONIA'S  
SUCH A NICE  
OLD LADY.  
SHE JUST  
LET IT BLOW  
OVER.



NOTHING  
LIKE  
PUTTING  
YOUR FOOT  
IN YOUR  
MOUTH,  
EH?

I'LL TELL  
YOU, IF I  
WAS LADY  
SONIA, I  
WOULD  
HAVE GIVEN  
ISHTAR A  
GOOD FOOT  
IN HER  
ASS!





I DON'T KNOW, BUT I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HIM AGAIN!

IS IT JUST ME, OR DOES LORD YUUGEL SEEM UPSET ABOUT SOMETHING?



THINK THEY'D BE SEARCHING SO HARD IF THEY KNEW HE WAS BOKING THEM BOTH?

I HEAR THAT BOTH BARONESS LOIFA AND LADY SELIONA HAVE THEIR SCOUTS LOOKING FOR HIM.

HE'S STOPPED ATTENDING THE PALACE BALLS...



I THINK HE WAS 13 YEARS OLD, AND HE COULDN'T HAVE CARED LESS.

HMM, THAT WOULD MAKE HIM ABOUT 23 NOW.

ALL OF THEM.

HOWEVER, I REMEMBER THAT YUUGEL HAD PURPLE EYES AND THIS LONG SILVER HAIR THAT PROVE ALL THE LITTLE GIRLS WILD. THEY ALL LIKED HIM.



HOW THE HELL SHOULD I KNOW?

WELL...

DID OUR LITTLE QUEEN HAVE A CRUSH ON HIM?



*Knights are warriors. They're specimens of masculinity. They can't go concerning themselves with the lost loves of six-year-olds.*





...RIGHT ABOUT NOW I'M GLAD I SNORE OFF MEN.

YOU KNOW...



I HAVE GOT TO MEET THIS GUY!



HE'S REALLY SOMETHING ELSE!



MAN, IS THERE SOMEONE THIS GUY HASN'T SLEPT WITH?



SHE DID SAY BARON TSOUN, DIDN'T SHE? THIS YUUGEL GUY REALLY DOES GET AROUND. ALL THE WAY AROUND, IT WOULD SEEM...



BARON TSOUN AND CAPTAIN ZAIM HAVE THEIR PEOPLE LOOKING FOR HIM TOO! FOR...UM... THE SAME REASONS...



ISHTAR'S RIGHT. HE IS A PIG!



I KNOW! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?! LEENE! THE WIFE OF HIS BEST FRIEND! WHO WOULD'A THINK IT?

...THAT CAN'T BE WHAT'S BOTHERING YUUGEL! I'LL BET IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOU-KNOW-WHO!

BUT...







I'M SORRY,  
IT'S JUST THAT  
SOMETIMES...I  
DON'T KNOW  
WHO I CAN  
TRUST. BUT  
I CAN TRUST  
YOU, DIAAGE.  
CAN'T I?

OF COURSE  
YOU CAN,  
LEENE.



...IF HE  
WERE TO  
WED LADY  
ISHTAR...  
...LORD  
YUUGEL  
WOULD  
BECOME  
KING OF  
PHILOSTA.

STOP IT,  
DIAAGE!







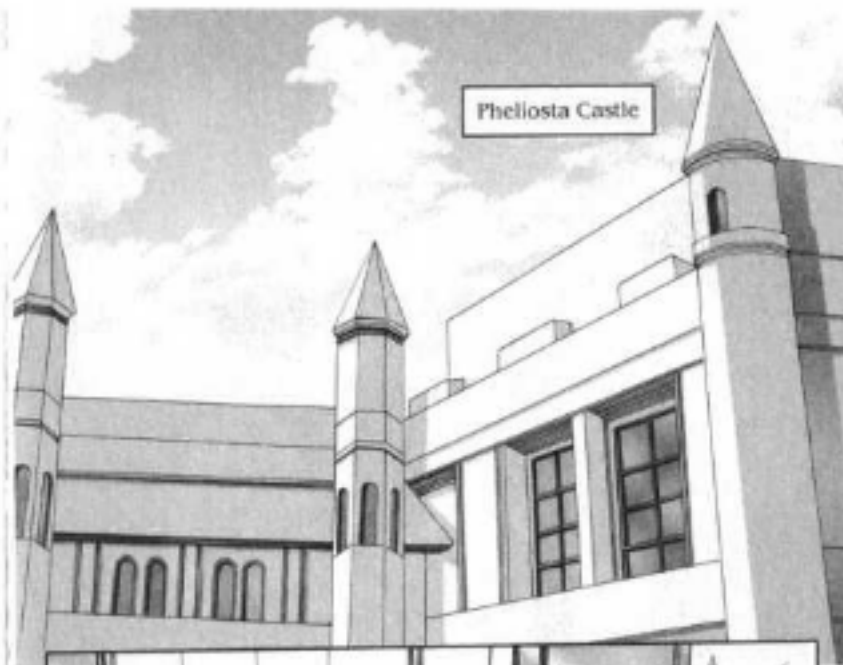
...WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, EXACTLY HOW DUMB DO YOU THINK I AM? YOU REALLY EXPECT ME TO FALL FOR THAT? IT MAY HAVE WORKED ON ISHIAK BUT I'M INSULTED IF YOU HONESTLY BELIEVED IT WOULD WORK ON ME.



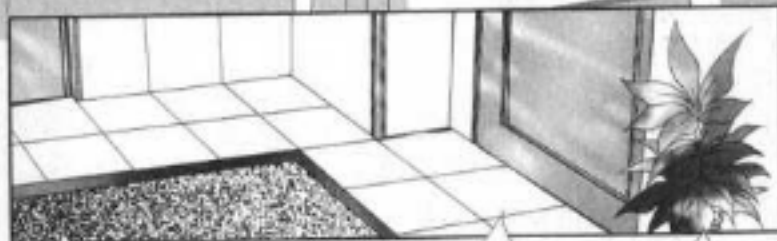
SIR KELD...



NOW, LET'S STOP THIS CHARADE, SHALL WE?



Pheliosta Castle



THERE'S NOT A MOMENT TO LOSE! YOU MUST GO SEE HER IN 20 ALPA! THIS MAY BE THE LAST CHANCE YOU HAVE TO--

DON'T YOU CARE?!

YOU'RE STILL HERE?! DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME? I SAID YOUR MOTHER'S VERY ILL!

HORRIBLY, FRIGHTFULLY, TERRIBLY ILL!

吸血遊戲  
南領篇  
Act.2



WHEN I WAS  
A LITTLE  
GIRL, I USED  
TO THINK  
ABOUT KISL  
THE WAY I  
THINK ABOUT  
DARRES.



...BUT I  
THOUGHT  
THEY WERE  
PEOPLE I  
COULD  
ADMIRE.

I NEVER  
REALLY  
TOLD THEM  
I FELT  
THAT WAY...



...SIR  
YUJEL.

ALL RIGHT,  
YUJINN. OR  
SHOULD I  
SAY...



...BUT  
YOU MUST  
UNDERSTAND,  
I ONLY HAVE  
THE BEST  
INTERESTS OF  
QUEEN ISHTAR  
AT HEART!

I WAS  
WRONG  
TO TRY TO  
DECEIVE  
YOU...



THE OLDER  
I GOT,  
THE MORE  
I BEGAN TO  
REALIZE THAT  
KELD DIDN'T  
REALLY CARE  
ABOUT ME.

ALL HE CARED  
ABOUT WAS THE  
QUEEN I WAS  
SUPPOSED TO BE.  
HE CARES MORE  
ABOUT IMAGE THAN  
ANYTHING ELSE.  
ESPECIALLY  
WHEN IT  
CONCERNS  
ME!


吸血遊戯  
セーブル  
南領篇  
Act.2



...I KNEW I WAS  
IMPORTANT TO  
THEM. I KNEW I  
WAS THE MOST  
IMPORTANT  
THING IN THE  
WORLD TO  
THEM.


BECAUSE,  
NO MATTER  
WHAT...

OR  
SO I  
THOUGHT.



IN FACT, IT'S  
HIS GOOD  
HEART...

...THAT MAKES  
HIM SUCH AN  
IDIOT.



...IT SEEMS  
LIKE DARRES  
IS THE ONE  
WHO'S MOST  
CONCERNED  
WITH YOUR  
BEHAVIOR.  
HE'S THE ONE  
WHO SEES  
YOU AS A  
SYMBOL--

ISHTAR,  
PEOPLE ARE  
ALWAYS  
GOING TO SEE  
YOU MORE  
AS A SYMBOL  
THAN A  
PERSON.  
GET USED  
TO IT.

YOU'RE A  
PRINCESS.  
IT'S PART  
OF WHO  
YOU ARE,  
BESIDES...

I MAY GIVE  
HIM A HARD  
TIME, AND HE  
DOES HAVE A  
TENDENCY TO  
EMBARRASS  
HIMSELF  
EVERY NOW  
AND THEN,  
BUT DARRES  
IS A GOOD  
MAN.

AND  
YES, THAT  
INCLUDES YOU,  
SUZUKI! BUT  
THAT DOESN'T  
MEAN I WANT  
YOU TO STOP  
BITING HIM.

YOU'RE  
WRONG!

DARRES  
CARES  
ABOUT ME  
DEEPLY.  
AND NOT  
JUST ME...  
...BUT KELD,  
KRAL, JILL, AND  
JUST ABOUT  
ANYONE HE'S  
EVER MET!





I'M HIS MEAL TICKET! THAT'S THE ONLY REASON HE PUTS UP WITH ME. HE'S BEEN RIDING MY COATTAILS SINCE THE DAY I WAS BORN.

HE WANTS TO SET ME UP WITH YUUGEL! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?! UGH! WHERE'S YOUR LITTER BOX, DUZIE? I THINK I'M GONNA HURL!

AND IT GETS EVEN WORSE...



YUUGEL?!

WELL...

DUZIE...

...THERE'S SOMETHING I DIDN'T MENTION.

REMEMBER WHEN I MENTIONED THAT AUNT SOPHIA MARRIED SOMEONE OUTSIDE OF OUR FAMILY?



BUT KELD...  
KELD IS DIFFERENT.



I GUESS  
I CAN  
SEE  
THAT...

GARRR!

HE'S GOT HIS OWN AGENDA. AS FAR AS HE'S CONCERNED, EVERYONE FITS INTO ONE OF TWO CATEGORIES. YOU'RE EITHER "USEFUL," OR YOU'RE "TOENAIL FUNGUS." AND GUESS WHICH CATEGORY WE FIT INTO, DUZIE!

Thinking  
really hard.

IT LETS PEOPLE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIM. AND I SHOULD KNOW... I'M ONE OF THEM.





I KNOW,  
KELD...

...AND  
KNOWING  
MAKES IT  
THAT MUCH  
WORSE.



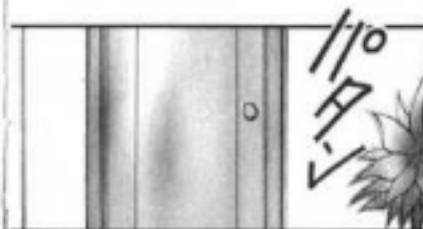
...THE  
POSSIBILITY  
OF A UNION  
WITH ISHTAR?  
IT WOULD  
BE MOST  
ADVANTAGEOUS  
TO OUR—I MEAN  
YOUR HOUSE.  
PLEASE JUST  
CONSIDER IT.  
FOR ALL OF  
OUR SAKES.



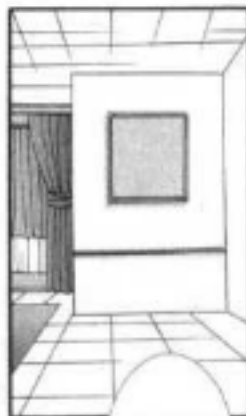
CAN'T  
YOU  
AT LEAST  
ENTERTAIN  
—



I PROBABLY  
DON'T HAVE TO  
POINT THIS OUT  
TO YOU, BUT LADY  
ISHTAR ISN'T THE  
CHILD SHE WAS.  
SHE'S BLOSSOMED  
INTO QUITE A  
FETCHING YOUNG  
WOMAN.







SO YEAH,  
FALAN, WE  
CAME OUT  
HERE FOR  
NOTHING.

JUST  
ANOTHER  
ONE OF THE  
OLD FART'S  
TRICKS.



NOTHING'S  
CHANGED,  
EXCEPT ME.







NOT THAT I EVER REALLY WANTED TO BE TOO FAR FROM HIM...

ALL I EVER WANTED WAS FOR HIM TO THINK I WAS IMPORTANT.



O-KAAAY... GETTING ANKWARD... UM... HOW'S YORD DOING OVER THERE?



HE'S REALLY LIVENED THE PLACE UP.

HE'S ALWAYS GIVING INDIAN BURNS TO THE GUARDS... IT'S GREAT!

SOUNDS LIKE YORD, ALL RIGHT!

What did you mean by that?

OH, HE'S FINE!



SO, YOU'RE ALL THE WAY OUT IN ZI ALDA?



Darres watches in frustration as his son uses up all of his Radio Mirror's anytime minutes...



YUUJEL ISN'T EVEN HERE.

IT'S SO PATHETIC! HIS PLAN DIDN'T EVEN WORK...

...I MIGHT AS WELL SPEND SOME TIME WITH MY AUNT WHILE I FIGURE OUT WHAT I'M GOING TO DO ABOUT KELD.

YEAH, I FIGURED SINCE WE'RE OUT HERE ANYWAYS...



FATHER NEVER LET ME STRAY TOO FAR AWAY FROM CI XENETH, EVEN FOR ANY OF THE FAMILY FUNCTIONS.

WHAT'S HE LIKE, ANYWAYS? I'VE NEVER MET LORD YUUJEL.



I FEEL SO  
BAD ABOUT  
LYING TO  
YOU.

FALAN...

...I'M  
SORRY.



WHAT  
DOES  
THAT  
TELL  
YOU?

WE ALL KNOW  
WHAT KIND OF  
PERSON MY  
FATHER COULD  
BE. I MEAN,  
MONSTERS  
USED TO RUN  
FROM HIM.



DON'T  
WORRY  
ABOUT  
IT!



OH,  
FALAN...



YEAH,  
IT'S LATE,  
PLEASANT  
DREAMS,  
FALAN!

WELL, ISH, I'D  
BETTER SAY  
GOODNIGHT  
BEFORE I FALL  
ASLEEP IN FRONT  
OF THIS MIRROR.  
TRUST ME, YOU DO  
NOT WANT TO SEE  
ME SLEEP. I LOOK  
LIKE SUCH A DORK.



HE MAY  
BE A BIT  
ROUGH  
WITH  
THEM...

...BUT ALL  
THE RANKING  
OFFICERS REALLY  
LIKE HIM. I CAN  
UNDERSTAND  
WHY. HOW MANY  
PEOPLE HAVE  
YOU MET THAT  
CAN BELCH  
OPERA ARIAS?

AND I  
THINK HE  
LIKES IT  
HERE.  
HE SAYS  
THERE'S A  
LOT LESS  
YELLING...  
...THAN  
BACK  
HOME IN  
LA NAAN.



HMM...



OH, ISHTAR!  
WE ALL  
THOUGHT  
IT WAS  
HILARIOUS!  
YOU REALLY  
PUT ONE  
OVER ON  
US--  
AGAIN!



STILL,  
WHEN WE  
FOUND OUT  
HE WAS  
REALLY  
PRINCE VORO,  
WER TO  
LA NAAN...



ALL THIS TIME  
I'VE SPENT WITH  
HER AND I STILL  
HAVEN'T FIGURED  
OUT HOW SHE  
DOES THAT.



ARE YOU  
FINALLY  
DONE?  
  
WHAT WERE  
YOU TWO  
TALKING  
ABOUT FOR  
SO LONG?



BUT SHE'S  
NOT THE  
ONLY ONE  
WITH TRICKS  
UP HER  
SLEEVES.

UHM...





Ci Xeneth

SAY IT AGAIN?  
ISHTAR'S IN  
ZI ALDA?!



THIS IS THE  
FIRST TIME  
YOU'VE  
SEEN MY  
TRUE FORM,  
AND ALL  
YOU CAN  
SAY IS THAT  
YOU LIKE  
MY CAPE?

WHAT?!

!!

HOW, DUZIE! THAT  
CAPE LOOKS GREAT  
ON YOU! IS YOUR  
MAGIC STRONG  
ENOUGH TO  
CONJURE UP  
STUFF NOW?  
WILL YOU MAKE  
ME ONE?  
IN GREEN?!



MY  
HAIR?

THE  
SCARIEST  
THING  
ABOUT  
YOU IS  
YOUR  
HAIR.

WELL, NOW  
THAT YOU  
MENTION IT,  
I THOUGHT  
YOU'D BE  
SCARIER.

THE PEOPLE  
NEED TO  
SEE OUR  
HOUSES  
STANDING  
TOGETHER  
IN THE NAME  
OF YOUR  
FATHER'S  
PASSING!

HE CAN'T  
GO NOW!  
HE'S ON A  
MISSION OF  
DIPLOMACY!

WHAT?

ISN'T HE  
SOMEHOW  
RELATED TO THE  
HOUSE OF ZI ALDA?

WELD  
TRICKED  
THEM?  
SOMETHING'S  
GOING ON  
HERE...

HOLD  
ON A  
SECOND!

WELD  
TRICKED HER  
INTO PAYING  
HER AUNT A  
VISIT! YORD,  
THIS MIRROR  
OF YOURS IS  
THE BEST!

SURE  
IS!

AND DOESN'T  
CADDYSONIA  
HAVE AN  
ELEGANT  
BACHELOR  
PORTALON...?

ISHTAR  
AND I CAN  
CHAT ANY  
TIME WE  
WANT! YOU  
DON'T MIND  
IF I HANG  
ON TO IT  
FOR A BIT,  
DO YOU?

...BUT  
SOMETHING  
FISHY'S  
GOING ON  
HERE FOR  
SURE...

I CAN'T  
PUT MY  
FINGER  
ON IT...

SO YORD,  
WHEN CAN  
YOU LEAVE  
FOR ZI  
ALDA?





KING VORD  
DOES HAVE  
A NICE RING  
TO IT...



WELL,  
WHAT  
ARE YOU  
WAITING  
FOR?  
ZI ALDA'S  
NOT  
GETTING  
ANY  
CLOSER!



Zi Alda



ISHAR  
SURE IS A  
LUCKY GIRL!  
IF SHE HAS  
ANY SENSE,  
SHE'LL PICK  
YOU, VORD.  
I KNOW I  
WOULD!



# 吸血遊戲

南領篇

## Act.3





WHAT?!



YOUNGER? I'M 23!



WATCH YOUR TONGUE! JUST BECAUSE LADY LEENE IS YOUNGER THAN YOU ARE DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE FREE TO GIVE HER A HARD TIME.



I SAID I'M 23 YEARS OLD.



AND WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED YOUR CONVERSATION, I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU IN THE STABLES.



THAT'D BE SO COOL!

...HOW DOES SUCH A LITTLE GIRL LIKE YOU RIDE A REGULAR HORSE? DO YOU HAVE A PONY? OR DO YOU JUST THROW A SADDLE ON A GOAT OR SOMETHING?

SOUND'S FUN!

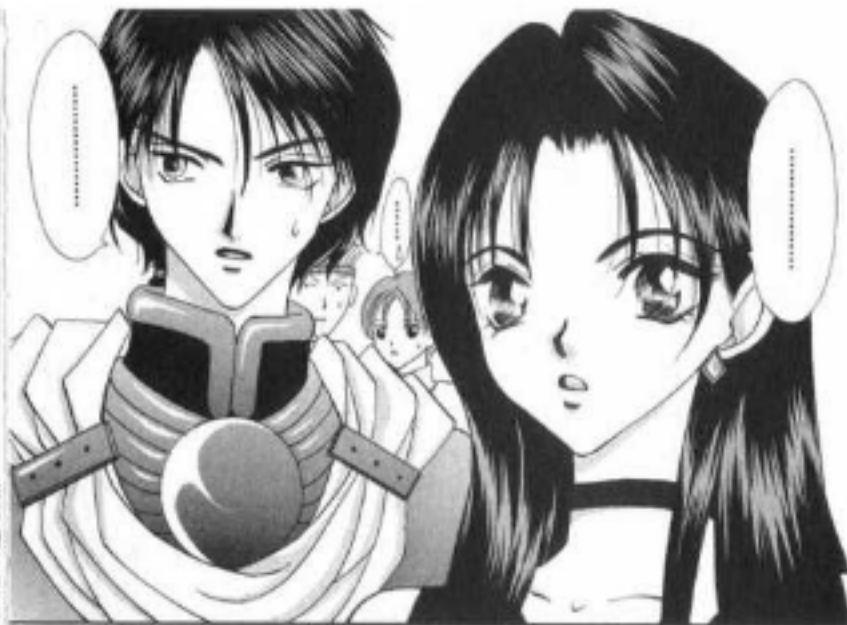
BUT, IF YOU DON'T MIND ME ASKING...

!!



LADY ISHTAR!

MIGHTY RIDE A GOAT?!! OF ALL THIS...









YEAH, IT'S REALLY HARD TO FIND ME, I MEAN! SO I'VE BEEN TOLD!



LADY LUCY!

FANS? I HAVE FANS!



YOU'LL NEVER BELIEVE THIS, BUT AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE...

...IS ONE OF YOUR BIGGEST FANS.



CAN YOU HELP US? WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO PUT THESE SADDLES ON!



HELLO...

YOU'RE SIR DARRES, AREN'T YOU? LADY ISHTAR'S BODYGUARD.



.....



I'M LUCY. I WORK IN SIR ASHLEY'S OFFICE.

I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU.

YOU'RE A DIFFICULT MAN TO HUNT DOWN, DARRES.



HELL, OOOO, GIRLS! IS THIS MEAN OL' HORSE GIVING YOU PROBLEMS?

WAIT A SECOND, KRAH!!



DID YOU SEE HOW LUCY WAS CHOKING YOU OUT?

WHO CARES ABOUT THE FAN?



YOU PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT WITH MEER, CAPTAIN...

...AND THIS WON'T BE THE ONLY RIDE YOU TAKE THIS TRIP.

IN FACT, DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT A THING. I'LL GO TALK TO THOSE GIRLS AND SEE IF I CAN GET THE LUCY'S STORY FOR YOU.



WHO'S THIS FAN?

YOU GIRLS ARE COMPLETELY USELESS! DON'T YOU KNOW ANYTHING?

SORRY, I'VE GOT TO GO! BUT I'LL SEE YOU LATER, OKAY?

I WONDER WHO SHE'S TALKING ABOUT. I DIDN'T THINK ANYONE KNEW ME HERE. WELL, IF HER FRIEND LOOKS ANYTHING LIKE HER, I'M NOT COMPLAINING...



ACTUALLY, HE WAS MORE OF A STALKER THAN A FAN, I SUPPOSE, BUT IT WAS STILL KINDA COOL. I WONDER WHO YOUR FAN IS?

NOW, CAPTAIN! YOU'VE GOT A GROUP! THAT'S GREAT! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A FAN. UNFORTUNATELY, THE CLOSEST I GOT TO ONE WAS THIS WEIRD GUY WHO USED TO REOTE DIRTY LIMERICKS OUTSIDE MY WINDOW EVERY OTHER NIGHT.









WELL, I DON'T THINK YOU LOOK EYE ENOUGH. OF COURSE, NO MATTER HOW VAMPED OUT YOU LOOK, YOU'LL STILL ALWAYS BE MY CUDDLY-HUDDLY LITTLE DUZIE TO ME!



REALLY?



"NO MATTER HOW VAMPED OUT YOU LOOK..."

"...YOU'LL STILL ALWAYS BE MY CUDDLY-HUDDLY LITTLE DUZIE TO ME!"



SO THAT'S REALLY YOUR TRUE FORM, DUZIE!

HOW SPOOKY! NOW I REALLY FEEL LIKE THE SHADOW OF THE VAMPIRE KING DUZELL HAS FALLEN UPON OUR CASTLE!



YOU KNOW, PRINCESS...

...THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THIS FACE INSPIRED GRAVE FEAR IN ALL OF PHELIOSTA!



I STILL THINK YOU COULD BE A LOT SCARIER. IF YOU CAN CHANGE THE WAY YOU LOOK, WHY DON'T YOU GIVE YOURSELF SOME RED EYES AND FUR? OOH! AND CLAWS! GIVE YOURSELF SOME CLAWS!





"WOW,  
BUZIE! THAT  
CAPE LOOKS  
GREAT ON  
YOU!"



"NO MATTER  
HOW VAMPED  
OUT YOU  
LOOK..."

"YOU'RE STILL  
ALWAYS BEING MY  
CUDDLY NUGGLY  
LITTLE BUZIE  
TO ME!"

...AND SHE  
IMMEDIATELY  
KNEW IT WAS  
ME.



YOU KNOW,  
THERE MAY  
ACTUALLY BE  
SOME TRUTH TO  
THAT. ISHTAR  
WOKE UP TO FIND  
A STRANGER  
STANDING OVER  
HER...

HOW'D  
SHE  
KNOW?  
WAS IT  
JUST A  
GUESS?



HER WORDS  
MAKE ME FEEL  
WARM, THEY  
MAKE ME FEEL  
HAPPY.




IT'S  
ODD...

MORE  
THAN THE  
LUSTFUL  
STARE OF A  
BEAUTIFUL  
WOMAN...

MORE  
THAN THE  
THRILL OF  
RAFFLE  
OR TASTE  
OF VIRGIN  
BLOOD...





SO THIS IS  
BACKBREAKER?  
HE DOESN'T  
LOOK SO WILD.

...YOU'VE  
REALLY  
HAD A LOT  
ON YOUR  
SHOULDERS,  
HAVEN'T  
YOU?



OH,  
HE IS...

MAKE NO  
MISTAKE,  
LADY  
LEENE.

I'VE  
LOST  
TWO STABLE  
BOYS TO THIS  
STALLION.  
AND A PIG.  
BUT, UH,  
YOU DON'T  
WANT TO  
ASK ABOUT  
THE PIG.




...BUT HE'LL  
CRIPPLE  
ANYONE  
WHO TRIES  
TO MOUNT  
HIM.

HE MIGHT  
HAVE THE  
FACE OF  
A COLT...



!?



AND SHE'S  
WITH HER  
GENERAL.  
THAT  
COULD  
POSE A  
PROBLEM.



THAT'S  
HER.  
THAT'S  
LADY  
SONIA.



...BETWEEN  
YUJEL  
AND  
LEENE...

ASHLEY,  
BETWEEN  
THE STATE  
OF THINGS  
OUT IN THE  
PROVINCES,  
AND ALL OF  
THIS  
NONSENSE







WHAT JUST  
HAPPENED...?



I'LL  
SWITCH THE  
PRINCESS'  
HORSE WITH  
BACKBREAKER,  
AS ORDERED  
BY LADY  
LEENE.



YOU KNOW,  
MAYBE  
THIS WHOLE  
THING WAS A  
MISTAKE--

NOW,  
TELL  
ME...DO  
WE HAVE  
A DEAL?

OR SHOULD  
I GO TALK TO  
ONE OF YOUR  
STABLE BOYS?  
I'M SURE WITH  
WHAT YOU  
PAY THEM,  
MY OFFER  
WILL BE VERY  
TEMPTING...



YOU'VE BEEN  
GIVEN AN  
ORDER BY  
LADY LEENE.  
LADY LEENE'S  
ORDERS MUST  
BE OBEYED.



I'VE BEEN  
GIVEN AN  
ORDER  
BY LADY  
LEENE.



OR MAYBE  
IT'S LEENE  
AND THAT  
TWIT  
HUSBAND  
OF HERS.

OKAY, FINE.  
THEY'RE  
NOT MY  
FAVORITE...

...YOU ARE.  
YOU AND  
WHOMEVER  
YOUR CURRENT  
TOY-OF-THE-  
WEEK IS.

LOOK, I  
LOVE YOU  
ALL, OKAY?

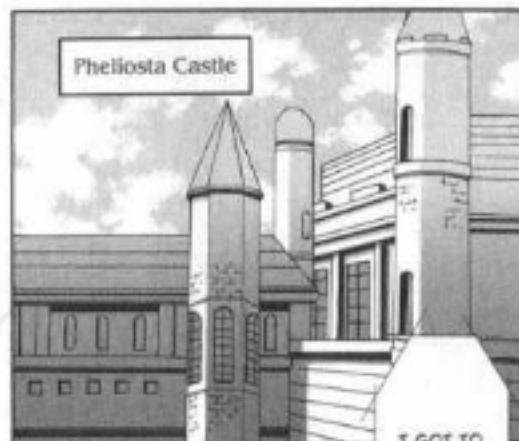
OH, I  
ALMOST  
FORGOT!  
I'M GOING  
RIDING WITH  
DARRES  
AND THE  
PRINCESS  
TODAY!

I  
KNEW  
THAT WAS  
COMING.

AND I ALSO  
KNOW THAT'S  
WHY YOU  
HAVEN'T  
COME BACK  
TO ZI ALDA...

I KNOW  
THAT,  
SILLY!

LADY LEENE  
SET THE  
WHOLE  
THING UP.



Pheliosta Castle

I GOT TO  
MEET YOUR  
FAVORITE  
COUPLE  
TODAY.

SHE'S A BIT  
SHORT FOR HIM,  
THOUGH, DON'T  
YOU THINK?

I WILL DO AS  
LADY LEENE  
ORDERS...



YOU'RE  
HARDLY  
ONE TO  
TALK.

WAIT A SECOND...  
SOMETHING'S  
GOING ON! I'LL  
TALK TO YOU  
LATER!

WHAT IS  
IT?

NOW,  
WOULD I  
DO THAT?

DON'T WORRY  
ABOUT IT.  
SINCE YOU'RE  
NOT HERE, I'LL  
PROTECT HER  
MAJESTY...

...WITH MY  
LIFE.

IT WAS  
LADY  
LEENE'S  
IDEA?

LUCY...

THEY'VE  
SADDLED THE  
WRONG HORSE  
FOR LADY  
ISHTAR!

!!

SHE'S SUPPOSED  
TO BE USING  
LADY SONIA'S  
HORSE! BUT  
THAT'S NOT  
TROTTER! I'VE  
GOT TO GO!

OR  
IS IT...?

ARE YOU  
TRYING TO  
BLACKMAIL  
ME INTO  
COMING BACK  
TO ZI ALPA?





# ANSWERS TO QUIZ 2



# ANSWERS TO QUIZ 1



# HI THERE! IT'S ME, JUDAL!



THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO'S TAKEN THE TIME TO READ MY BOOKS!



FUZELL HAS GOTTEN STRONGER! HE'S NOW A FULL-PLEGDED VAMPIRE KING!



WE'VE ALSO LEARNED THE TRUTH ABOUT FUJIN! IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S AFTER ISHTAR TOO!



# In Place of a Postscript...



# A DAY IN THE LIFE



ONE DARK DAY, IN THE MIDDLE OF A DARK, DARK MONTH, THE UNTHINKABLE HAPPENED: MY PLAYSTATION BROKE.



HERE WORDS COULD NOT DESCRIBE THE ANGER AND ANXIETY I FELT AT THAT MOMENT. I DESPAIRED OF EVER FINDING A PERSON, PLACE OR THING THAT COULD COME REMOTELY CLOSE TO REPLACING THIS WORLD FOR SUCH A CRUEL PRANK.



PLAYSTATION, MY PLAYSTATION! WHY COULDN'T YOU JUST HANG IN THERE A FEW MORE MONTHS?

ESPECIALLY SINCE IT'S BEEN JUST A FEW MONTHS BEFORE THE RELEASE OF THE PS2!

...BUT THERE ARE SO MANY GAMES I WANT TO PLAY!

AAARGH!!



IF I CAN'T FIGURE OUT SOMETHING QUICK, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE DRASTIC ACTION...

WHEN I SAY IT BROKE, I REALLY MEAN THAT I PRESSED ONE OF THE BUTTONS TOO MANY TIMES. AND, UH, MAYBE KICKED IT... SEVEN OR EIGHT TIMES.

# LETTERS, PART TWO

## PET PICTURES!



↳ Lobotomized Kitty

I'M GETTING SO MANY OF THESE THAT I'M STARTING A COLLECTION!



↳ Mr. Sucker

I'M FILING THEM ACCORDING TO THE PET'S NAMES, SO SOMETIMES IT GETS HARD TO FIGURE OUT WHICH PET BELONGS TO WHOM!



I DON'T THINK I'LL BE WRITING HIM...

AND OCCASIONALLY I'LL GET A LETTER THAT SAYS SOMETHING LIKE THIS: "EVEN THOUGH MY FAMILY WAS DEAD SET AGAINST IT, I NAMED MY KITTY 'PUZZLE'! I EVEN TAUGHT HIM TO SUCK BLOOD! IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HEAR FROM YOU. PLEASE WRITE TO ME IN CARE OF THE YOKOHAMA HOME FOR THE MENTALLY UNSTABLE."



OH, AND TO EVERYONE OUT THERE WHO DIDN'T INCLUDE YOUR PET'S NAME THE FIRST TIME, PLEASE WRITE ME BACK WITH THEIR NAMES. OTHERWISE MY PETS WILL BE PERMANENTLY OUT OF ORDER!

# LETTERS, PART ONE



Many of you seem to be using letters or words which aren't necessarily true.

I GET LOTS OF MAIL FROM PEOPLE WHO WORK AS EDITORS FOR PUBLISHERS AND WANT TO BECOME MANGA ARTISTS.



IT'S REALLY JUST TOO SCARY TO TRY! NO, FOR REAL! WHAT IF I FAIL? I DESERVE TO BE A BURDEN... REALLY? I DO!

SO MY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF...

CASE #1: THE SORTA TRUE STORY OF MANGA-KA!

THEY REALLY WANT TO WRITE MANGA, BUT THEN THEY GET TO THINKING "Eh, IT WON'T WORK OUT," SO THEY DON'T.

SHE'D BE A BIT HAPPIER IF IT WERE TRUE.

LOVE ME!



YOU'RE TRYING TO TELL ME THAT THEY'RE EACH OTHER'S "SPECIAL FRIENDS," RIGHT?

SO I WAS TRYING TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE TWO MILE CHARACTER RELATIONSHIP...

CASE #2: THE BEAST CASE OF MANGA-KA!

WAIT A MINUTE. I THOUGHT THEY WERE BROTHERS...



IN YOUR DREAMS!

OKAY, SO THE LESSON HERE IS THAT ANYONE CAN MAKE A GREAT MANGA. ANYONE CAN GET A PUBLISHING CONTRACT. ANYONE CAN BECOME FAMOUS AND LIVE LIVES RICH WITH EXCITEMENT, WEALTH, AND BEAUTIFUL MEN AND WOMEN.

# ANSWERS TO QUIZ 3



WHERE DO KRAI AND THE OTHERS THINK PUZZLE IS?

THE THIRD QUIZ IN VOLUME 4 HAS:



...THEY THINK THAT ISHTAR'S KYAWL DOLL IS PUZZLE!

THE ANSWER IS...



PUT IT IN!! PUT IT IN!!

THERE WEREN'T MANY PEOPLE WHO FIGURED THAT OUT, SO I WAS THINKING OF PUTTING A SCENE IN SOMEWHERE TO EXPLAIN IT. THEN I HEARD OUT FOR BUSH AND FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT. TELL ME.



WHAAAT?!

MOST PEOPLE JUST THOUGHT THEY FORGOT THAT PUZZLE EXISTED.

# VAMPIRE GAME

Next issue...



Ishtar didn't come to Zi Alda looking for trouble, but trouble has a way of catching up with our beloved princess. And this time around, it arrives in the guise of a nasty-tempered beast with a real bad attitude...and a horse.

Lady Leone was once the fairest girl in all of Zi Alda. Then Princess Ishtar came to town. Young, pretty, and powerful, Ishtar would make any woman feel threatened. But for the very jealous Leone, the princess is more than a threat, she's the enemy. Enter Backbreaker. Untamed, wild and completely unbroken, Backbreaker is a hurricane made equine. And he's got a riding date with the unsuspecting Ishtar. Will our princess prevail? Or will Backbreaker take Ishtar on a ride to die for?

Note: Jodi wishes it to be known that no horses were hurt in the drafting of this manga.

## CONCLUSION

I BOUGHT A HOUSE THE OTHER DAY!

NO PROBLEM, JUPIE-BABY, YOU'LL GET SOME TIME TO SEELE!

I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF MOVING, SO I WON'T BE ABLE TO DO MUCH FOR A WHILE!

Good that is by the way!

SUPER, YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU, BUT YOU'RE MAKING ME LOOK BAD HERE.

JUST CALM DOWN BOSS! I'LL BE IN SOON...

BUT I'VE KIND OF BECOME OBSESSED WITH PEPPERMINT, AND I HAVEN'T BEEN DOING MUCH ELSE.

Can you get me your ring?

...I MIGHT NOT HAVE A HOUSE MUCH LONGER!

THAT'S IT! WE'RE STOPPING YOUR BOOMS, BUDDY! YOU'LL NEVER WORK IN THIS TOWN AGAIN!

BUT UNLESS I GET BACK TO WORK...

KNEW YOU'D SEE IT MY WAY, JUPIE. LET'S GO LUNCH NEXT WEEK.

IN THE END, I WENT BACK! AND HERE I AM! HARD AT WORK. HEH, HEH, HEH...

## ANOTHER DAY IN THE LIFE



FOR THE PAST MONTH, I'VE BEEN PLANTING ALL SORTS OF THINGS IN MY GARDEN! IT'S LOTS OF FUN FOR ME SINCE I'VE NEVER DONE THAT BEFORE!

TO BE HONEST, I NEVER REALLY MEANT TO BECOME ONE OF THOSE GARDENING NUTS.

I'VE GOT LEMON BALM, PEPPERMINT, CHAMOMILE, CALIFORNIA POPPINS, BABY'S BREATH, RADISHES, PARSLEY, SHEET PEAS, FLOWERS THAT BLOOM IN THE COLD, LAMB TAILS, AND CATNIP...

So this is what my radishes look like now



I JUST HAS LOOKING AT IT AND SAID, "WELL, THERE'S A GARDEN THERE, SO I MIGHT AS WELL PUT SEEDS IN IT."

ABOUT HALF OF MY SEEDS ARE SPROUTING SO FAR!

WOOO! I WAS WORRYING WOE WOULDN'T FINE OUT.

OH WOW! YOU CAN EVEN SAY SOME OF THE STUPID WORDS MAKE THOUGHT!

It. Sometimes she's a bit dumb

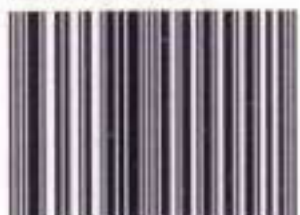


# VAMPIRE GAME™

In a no-holds-barred showdown, Ishtar, Duzell and Darres face off against Lord Jened and his High Sorcerer, Diaage. Falan observes helplessly, caught between the love of her father and her desire for justice. Duty, loyalty and devotion are all pushed to the breaking point, as everybody's decisions meld into an explosive, heartbreaking and—if we do say so ourselves—pretty darn shocking climax!



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